
Welcome to your new adventure!

As a **Den Leader** you will have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the life of Cub Scouts and families. The Boy Scouts of America and the Great Salt Lake Council has the training and support to help make your opportunity simple, rewarding, and fun!

It is recommended that you meet weekly with your den, a small group of boys or girls (if approved by your pack's sponsoring organization) of the same grade and gender. Once a month, your den will join together with the other dens in your pack at a pack meeting.

Cub Scouting includes the following types of dens:

- Lion dens: Kindergartners and their adult partners
- Tiger dens: First-graders and their adult partners
- Wolf dens: Second-graders
- Bear dens: Third-graders
- Webelos dens: Fourth- and fifth-graders

There can be boy dens and girl dens in each grade group.

The steps below will get you started.

Before Your First Meeting

- If you have not already, register as a Den Leader by completing the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) adult application. This can be a paper application, or you may apply online by getting the link for your pack. Then get the proper approvals from your Cub Scout pack and chartering organization.

As part of the application and joining process, you will have to take *Youth Protection Training*. This course is required of all adults in Scouting and will teach you the BSA's policies for safely and appropriately interacting with youth.

Youth Protection Training can be found online at www.My.Scouting.org. My.Scouting will be very important as you start and continue in Scouting. It will be a source for training and a whole lot more. If you have not already, you will need to set up your My.Scouting account.

Note: When you receive your BSA membership number (after your registration is complete you can get it from your Cubmaster, pack committee chair, chartered organization representative, or by calling the council service center) be sure it is entered into your My.Scouting profile so you can get credit for training and have access to the My.Scouting Tools for your Scouting role!

- At the end of the course, print off the Youth Protection Certificate, and turn in the certificate to your pack leaders, or with your application if you do the paper application.
- Next, either attend a *Den Leader Specific* training course in person and/or complete the online learning plans for the training "Before the First Meeting" on www.My.Scouting.org in the "Training Center" on your dashboard. These courses will begin building the foundation you need to become an effective and successful den leader.
- Visit www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/. This will be the main online place for you to find resources to help you plan your den activities. You will also find local Scouting information at www.SaltLakeScouts.org. Visit www.Scouting.org/familyScouting/ if your den and pack includes girl dens.
- Become acquainted with the other leaders in your pack. You will need their assistance in carrying out a successful den program. You will work closely with the Cubmaster and pack trainer.

Within the First Month

- If you have not already attended *Den Leader Specific* training in person, complete the online learning plans for the training "Within the First 30 Days" and "Position Trained" on My.Scouting. Once you have completed the training you are considered trained and eligible to wear the "Trained" leader patch. Remember, every Scout deserves a trained and qualified leader!
- Attend the monthly district Cub Scout leaders'



roundtable. You will receive many good program ideas and become acquainted with Den Leaders from other packs. They will share ideas and experiences with you.

What Do You Invest in Cub Scouting?

- One afternoon or evening each week for a den meeting
- One evening each month for the pack meeting (many packs do not have den meetings the week of the pack meeting.)
- One evening each month for the Cub Scout roundtable and/or a planning meeting with other pack leaders
- Time spent in research and planning each month for your den meetings
- Time spent in Cub Scout leader basic training
- Cost of the Cub Scout leader uniform

This adds up to a small investment, compared to the dividends you will receive. And of course, the more you invest, the more you can expect to receive in return.

What Do You Receive in Return?

- One lively, never-dull afternoon or evening each week when you have the good fortune to view the world through the eyes of your Scouts
- An evening each month of fun and fellowship with pack families, sharing their pride in their children's accomplishments
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families
- A sense of pride as you watch the Cub Scouts receive recognition for their accomplishments
- An opportunity to share your ideas and experiences with other adults who share your interest in and concern for boys
- A chance to read about subjects that you haven't taken time for in years, and the opportunity to put your ideas into action at den meetings
- The privilege of getting to know children in your neighborhood a little better and watching them all grow strong in mind and body
- The opportunity to help Scouts learn good citizenship and to help shape them into adults who have strength of character and are sensitive to others
- The knowledge that all youth are alike in many ways, and yet each one is a very special, unique individual

- A chance to help stimulate Scouts' imaginations and to help them learn to "do their best"
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization by wearing the uniform, which is a visible means of showing that you believe in and stand for its ideals and objectives

You will discover many other dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Cub Scouting.

All leaders bring to Cub Scouting their own talents and skills, their own backgrounds and interests. Your key to becoming an effective leader is to use your own abilities and interests, along with what you learn about Cub Scouting to plan and conduct the best possible program for the boys and girls. What happens in the life of each Scout during the formative years will determine to a great extent the kind of adult they will become.

What a tremendous opportunity and challenge for you, the den leader!

Welcome!

Quick Links

Training: www.My.Scouting.org

Resources: www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/ and www.Scouting.org/familyScouting/

Local Support: www.SaltLakeScouts.org

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THE SCOUTING TRIANGLE

